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From:  
Valentino Fuel & Service  
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Richard Valentino  
Owner

I have been in business since 1985. As a law-abiding business owner and taxpayer, I should not be penalized financially because of a competitor who did not follow the law. As a family owned business I cannot afford a \$3,900 tax, my customers cannot afford any increased cost that this would bring them.

I am asking you to oppose SB 299, and work with the industry on a solution that does not increase costs for small businesses and consumers. A Guaranty Fund will incentivize consumers to shop for unrealistic low prices instead of good value and security - leading to risky purchases of "too good to be true" offers.

Sincerely,

*Richard Valentino*